

LAB547 Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate – Automated Method

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Performing Location(s)

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Specimen Type

Whole Blood

Preferred Container

Lavender Top

Minimum Volume to Submit for Testing

1.0 mL Whole blood

Storage Requirements

Refrigerate up to 24 hours

Transportation Needs

Deliver to the laboratory within 8 hours at room temperature or within 24 hours if refrigerated.

Causes for Rejection

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

Less than 50% draw for vacutainer tubes

Clotted specimens

Tube < 50% full

Gross Hemolysis

Sample > 8 hours old at room temperature

Sample > 24 hours refrigerated

Sample collected in any anticoagulant other than K2EDTA

Reference Values

Population	Units	Reference Range
Male and Female \leq 50 years old	mm/hr	\leq 15
Male and Female > 50 years old	mm/hr	\leq 30

Available STAT

Yes

Methodology

Automated

CPT Code

85652

